A Message From President Brogan

Many of us have heard of the Chinese pictograph that stands for "crisis" and has two tantalizingly opposite meanings embedded within it: "danger" and "opportunity." As Florida Atlantic University and, indeed, all publicly funded educational institutions in Florida have become enmeshed in the statewide financial crisis, there is widespread awareness of their endangered future. Yet the situation also has produced renewed opportunity for the University to look to its friends for help, and FAU’s supporters in Broward are responding with great generosity.

A case in point is the recent Seaside Shindig, which netted more than $40,000 to fund scholarships for our Broward-based students and other very worthwhile causes, including the establishment of a Broward Room in the Marleen and Harold Forkas Alumni Center, which is currently under construction on the Boca Raton campus. At the Shindig we had the pleasure of honoring some of the University’s sustaining friends, including JM Family Enterprises, Superintendent Jim Notter and the School Board of Broward County and outstanding alumni Kathy Molinet ’95, ’04 and Ray Monteleone ’92.

While we have always treasured our supporters and partners, we feel a special sense of gratitude to them today, as we face the most far-reaching budget cuts in FAU’s 44-year history. While there can be no doubt that this is a greatly challenging time, it is also a time that offers great opportunity to bring more and more people and organizations into the FAU fold.

In good times and bad, the University’s mission remains the same: to keep the door of higher education open in South Florida. With the help of its friends, FAU is doing just that.

Frank T. Brogan ’81
President

‘Seaside Shindig’ A Huge Success

3rd Annual Event Supported Students, Honored Alumni and Community

Have you ever been to an event that was so much fun that you couldn’t stop telling all your friends about it? Well, that’s the best way to describe FAU’s annual Seaside Shindig—and this year’s celebration was no exception. Sold-out and featuring a delicious lobster buffet, bar and live band, the Shindig was held on March 28 on the beach in John U. Lloyd State Park in Dania Beach, adjacent to FAU SeaTech.

FAU President Frank T. Brogan ’81 and Broward Campuses Vice President Joyanne Stephens were on hand to bring greetings from the University, along with the event’s honorary chair, Virginia (Ginny) Miller, and co-chairs Marsha Levy ’73, ’77 and Alan Becker, Esq. “Wave Maker” awards were presented to Kathy Molinet ’95, ’04 (Virginia (Ginny) Miller (L to R) Dr. Joyanne Stephens, VP Broward campuses and FAU Board of Trustees Chair Nancy Blosser)

Seaside Shindig (L to R) President Frank T. Brogan ’81, Co-Chairs Marsha Levy ’77, ’73 and Alan Becker, Esq. with honorees Kathy Molinet ’95, ’04, Ray Monteleone ’92, Colin Brown, CEO of JM Family Enterprises, Superintendent of Broward County Schools James Notter and honorary Shindig Chair Ginny Miller.

“Pearl of Broward” Award), JM Family Enterprises, Inc. (Corporate Partner Award), the School Board of Broward County (Community Partner Award) and Ray Monteleone ’92 (Outstanding Alumni Honoree).

The Shindig raised more than $40,000 which will directly benefit FAU students and Broward alumni initiatives.

College Plaza Dedication

On May 29, 2008 FAU and partner Broward Community College jointly dedicated the new College Plaza in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Along with President Frank T. Brogan and BCC President J. David Armstrong, Jr., members of the FAU and BCC Boards of Trustees and Foundation guests attended the reception and program. The plaza will be used by both FAU and BCC by students, faculty, alumni and friends of higher education.
The Fordes and FAU - A Perfect Match

little did Bob and Christine Forde know that it would ultimately be their connection to FAU that would lead them to find true love. Highly valuing education and believing that it is the key to a successful and prosperous life, it is not surprising that the topic came up almost immediately when Bob and Christine first met. Although they earned both their bachelor’s and master’s degrees from FAU more than 20 years apart, it was that common experience that jump-started their relationship.

Now married since December 2005, both Bob and Christine continue to be strong supporters of their alma mater. Bob has been instrumental in creating a valuable partnership between FAU and City Furniture. A member of the City Furniture team since earning his bachelor’s degree in psychology from FAU in 1974, Bob is now the company’s vice president of sales. He received his MBA from FAU in 1979 and attributes much of his career success to the education he received at the University. “FAU was the perfect fit for me,” says Bob. “I was very pleased with the quality of education, opportunities for research and focus on group exercises that simulated a business environment.”

Bob played a lead role in forming a continuing education program for City Furniture associates that provides tuition assistance for college studies. He is active in FAU’s alumni program and is a member of the Broward President’s Community Council. He often consults with University professors on business topics, such as organizational development. Bob was also recently honored by the FAU National Alumni Association as the 2008 Distinguished Alumnus of the Barry Kaye College of Business.

Christine, a psychotherapist and licensed mental health counselor, also believes in the importance of staying connected to your alma mater. She earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology in 1997 and a master’s in education (specializing in mental health) in 2000 from FAU. Through attending special events and, most recently, participating in focus groups for FAU’s Lifelong Learning program in Broward, she continues to be an active member of the FAU family. “It is so important to stay involved and ‘pay it forward’ by networking with students and helping to support scholarships,” says Christine. “We need to do all we can to make FAU a better school for this generation and those to come.”

FAU Broward Goes Green!

AU’s Fort Lauderdale campus has partnered with the City of Fort Lauderdale to take advantage of the city’s outstanding recycling program. The campus has eliminated over 50% of its garbage and is saving over $6,000 per year in reduced waste disposal costs by diverting paper, aluminum cans and plastic bottles to be recycled (you may have noticed containers around the campus). In addition to the recycling program, the physical plant department has installed programmable motion detector lighting throughout the Higher Education Complex and Askew Tower. The additional motion detector lighting paid for itself within six months and adds a tremendous savings in electricity costs for the University. All of the fluorescent bulbs are recycled on campus and only "green" chemicals are used for custodial purposes. Now there are fewer dumpsters and more purple and green recycling and mixed use containers. They are indeed things of beauty indicating FAU Fort Lauderdale’s commitment to the University-wide Mission Green campaign while saving valuable dollars for FAU.

Broward Alumni Rock the Briny

Members of the FAU Broward Alumni Roundtable (BAR) recently gathered for a networking reception with President Frank T. Brogan ’81 and Coach Howard Schnellenberger at the Briny Pub at Riverfront in downtown Fort Lauderdale. The Broward Alumni Roundtable meets several times throughout the year. For more information on the FAU Broward alumni activities, please visit www.faualumni.org.

(L to R) Broward Alumni Roundtable board members: Chair – Kathy Kohler ’01, Wendy Gaugler Lubomski ’00, Christopher Pollock ’78, ’81, Leatrice Phares ’85, ’06, Laura Tarvainen ’84, Kathy Molinet ’95, ’04.

2008 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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